

## United States Department of State

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## **NOTICE**

## **Foreign Mission Bank Accounts**

The Department of State remains aware of the challenges faced by nearly all foreign missions with regard to the establishment and operation of banking relationships in the United States.

As the challenges have increased over the past few years, the Department, at all levels and across many bureaus, has worked to assist both foreign missions and financial institutions in navigating and addressing these challenges.

In an effort to better enable the Department to assist foreign missions with such challenges, information is needed from all foreign missions concerning the status of their current banking relationship(s). This information also helps the Department determine the scope and impact of developments that occur in this area.

Therefore, the Office of Foreign Missions (OFM) requests that all foreign missions submit responses to the questions on the following page. This information will allow OFM to update its current records concerning this matter.

Mission Name:
Respondent's Name:
Telephone Number:
E-Mail Address:
1. Does your Mission currently have a checking account established with a bank in the United States?
2. If yes, please provide the name(s) of the bank(s) your Mission currently uses to manage its official accounts in the United States?
3. If your Mission does not currently have accounts established with a bank in the United States, please list the bank(s) previously used for this purpose?
4. If your Mission does not currently have a checking account with a bank in the United States, what financial institutions have you approached?
5. Is there any other information your Mission would like to provide concerning the availability and use of financial services in the United States?
Missions are asked to provide their responses to these questions to OFM at OFMAccounts@state.gov or by FAX to (202) 736-4145 by <u>July 25, 2014</u> .